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**House Bill 5388, An Act Concerning Court Fees and the Delivery of Legal Services
to the Poor**
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Senator Coleman, Representative Fox, Senator Kissel, Representative Hetherington, and members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 5388, An Act Concerning Court Fees and the Delivery of Legal Services to the Poor.

My name is Kimberly A. Knox and I am the Vice President of the Connecticut Bar Association. The CBA is well aware that the Judiciary Committee is considering House Bill 5388 that would increase certain court fees as a vehicle to provide funds for Connecticut's legal aid programs and technology improvements for the Judicial Branch. The CBA has not adopted a position on the bill, so I am not authorized to comment on the specifics contained therein. However, we hope that the Committee is well aware of the CBA's long-standing commitment to the crucial work being done by legal aid. Our members have a long history of supporting that work by volunteering to provide pro bono legal services to low income clients, by making individual financial contributions, and by endorsing public funding for legal aid.

We look forward to working with the various stakeholders on finding a way to help fund the critical work performed by legal aid providers and to assist the Judicial Branch to make technology improvements that will benefit both the public and the bar.

Thank you.